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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: DeAngelis et al.
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For: Felt Having Conductivity Gradient
Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner:

Amendment A

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the April 2, 2003 United States Patent and Trademark Office action, Applicants submit the following amendments, remarks and Petition and Fee for Extension of Time.

In the Abstract

Please replace the original Abstract with the revised Abstract provided in Appendix 1. A marked up version of the Abstract, showing the additions and deletions is provided in Appendix 2.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 27-31, without prejudice, and add Claims 32-51. A clean copy of newly added Claims 32-51 is provided in Appendix 3.

Remarks**Abstract Objection**

The Examiner objected to the Abstract, on the ground that it did not correspond to the claimed subject matter. The Abstract has been rewritten to reflect the claimed subject matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 29 was objected to on the ground that the word "a" should be inserted before each member of the Markush Group. Claim 29 has been cancelled. A similar Markush Group appears in the newly added Claim 39. Care has been taken to include to work "a" before each member of the group.

35 USC § 112

Claims 27, 28, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for the following reasons.